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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 0965

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, MARR, PFOR, PINS, HA, DR, CU  
SUBJECT: HAITIAN-DOMINICAN COOPERATION ON MUTUAL TRADE AND  
DEFENSE INTERESTS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 0949

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT WHEN LE MATIN PUBLISHER FRANCK MAGLOIRE AND JOURNALIST DUMAYRIC CHARLIER RECENTLY VISITED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THEY HAD CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER DURING WHICH BALAGUER:

(A) EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO AN EVENTUAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER, AS PROPOSED BY MAGLOIRE, PROVIDED BOTH SIDES FIRST DEFINED THEIR OBJECTIVES PRECISELY (A MEETING FOR SAKE OF CEREMONY WAS RULED OUT);  
(B) AGREED TO ENCOURAGE BETTER CROSS-BORDER COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AND FACILITATE ONWARD TRAVEL OF U.S. TOURISTS WHO MIGHT WISH TO VISIT HAITI DIRECTLY AFTER DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; AND  
(C) ASSURED HOH THAT IN EVENT OF ANY CUBAN-BACKED SUBVERSIVE EFFORT AGAINST HAITI HE WOULD PROVIDE PROMPT MILITARY ASSISTANCE (NOT FURTHER DEFINED). "COMMUNISTS SHOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED A LODGEMENT ANYWHERE ON HISPANIOLA," HE REPORTEDLY STATED.

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2. COMMENT: FOREGOING APPEARS TO BE SEQUEL TO CONVERSATIONS IN EARLY FEBRUARY BETWEEN PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND THREE DOMINICAN GENERALS (REFTEL). HAS EMBASSY OBTAINED FURTHER DETAILS ON NATURE OF REPORTED DR MILITARY ASSISTANCE OFFER?  
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